

TWO COLUMNS
OF U.S. TROOPS
PURSUE VILLA

Soldiers Crossed the Line Yesterday and Camped Last Night but a Short Distance South of the International Boundary Line, Says Brief Despatch

CARRANZA TROOPS
ARE CO-OPERATING

President Wilson Informed That the Soldiers of the De Facto Government Are Giving Hearty Support to Pershing's Troops—Strict Censorship On

Columbus, N. M., via mail to El Paso, Tex., March 16.—The American expedition which entered Mexico yesterday spent an uneventful night, camped but a short distance across the American line.

Pershing accompanied the first department as far as the border and then returned with another part of the troops entered Mexico to flank the main army. Despite the rigorous censorship, it became known that the number entering Mexico was about 5,000.

Aeroplanes are believed to have passed in with the expedition. The flying conditions are ideal.

Cowboys from the ranges were enrolled as scouts and the cavalry led the way, followed by two infantry regiments, field artillery and a wagon train. The column is thoroughly equipped for all conditions that might arise and represented all arms of the service.

Washington, D. C., March 16.—President Wilson was informed by Secretary of War Baker to-day that both the columns of American troops are now in Mexico in pursuit of Villa and his bandits are meeting with hearty co-operation from Carranza soldiers.

The prospects to-day were that the American public will have to content itself with only meagre bulletins concerning the movement of the troops. What is probably the most complete censorship in the nation's history is in full force and no news dispatches that would be of value to the enemy will be allowed to be transmitted nor will details be made public here when the publication might interfere with Funston's plans.

The campaign to enroll 20,000 recruits was in full swing to-day. One hundred and seventy auxiliary recruiting stations were opened and groups of uniformed soldiers are being sent through the small towns to inspire interest. The reports from some of the stations told of long lines of men waiting to present their applications yesterday.

San Antonio, Tex., March 16.—The first official report from Brigadier General Pershing, commanding the expeditionary forces into Mexico, to Major General Funston, stating that all was going well, was received from San Houston early to-day. The report dealt with the disposition of the various units, the distance of the first day's march and the movement of the Carranza troops. The report was not made public.

NO LIMIT TO ORDERS.

Pershing Simply Told to Kill or Capture Villa.

San Antonio, Tex., March 16.—Brigadier-General John J. Pershing, with more than four thousand troops, began the pursuit in Mexico yesterday of Francisco Villa, whose raid across the border last week caused President Wilson and his cabinet to decide to use the United States army to run him down.

General Pershing's report that he and his command had crossed the international boundary line just south of Columbus reached General Funston, in charge here of general operations late yesterday.

The report served to dispel to a great extent fears that had been entertained in some quarters, that resistance would be offered by the troops of the de facto government. Col. Bertani, the commanding officer of the Carranza garrison at Palomas, on the south side of the dividing line, promptly joined General Pershing. His force was only some 400 men, but they were reported to have displayed willingness and even eagerness to join in the chase. As a body the Mexican troops will remain under their own command, but a number of them are being employed as scouts by General Pershing.

Col. George A. Dodd, heading a small column that entered Mexico some distance west of Columbus, also is moving

FRENCH EXPECT
A NEW ATTACK
ON SOUTHEAST

Comparative Inactivity by German Forces North of Verdun Leads to Belief That New Move Is Planned to Be Made in the Woivre District

BIG FRENCH GUNS
ARE BOOMING THERE

Von Tirpitz Has Been Deposed as Head of the German Marine Department, but Berlin States Officially That It Means No Change in Submarine Policy

One of the frequent pauses which have characterized the German campaign for Verdun is again in evidence. After having made gains Tuesday to the west of the Meuse in the direction of Dead Man's hill, the crown prince's forces have not again advanced to the attack and no speedy resumption is indicated in this sector.

Apparently there is anticipation on the part of the French that the next German move may be made to the southeast of the fortress, as French guns have been extremely active along the heights of the Meuse overlooking Woivre plain.

It is officially announced in Berlin that the change in the head of the ministry of the marine, involving the retirement of Admiral Von Tirpitz, who is succeeded by Admiral Von Capelle, signifies no change in the German submarine policy. The French have taken a German trench south of St. Souplet, which indicates that in the Champagne region the contending forces are still endeavoring to take advantage of every opportunity to strengthen their lines.

Advices from Petrograd describe remarkable progress in Persia of the Russian troops, who are moving swiftly over difficult roads and in the face of considerable opposition, towards the Mesopotamian frontier, where they expect soon to be in touch with the British forces at Kutel Amara and the relieving column under Generals Lake and Aylmer. The Russians are now said to be within 50 miles of the last difficult pass which will place them in the rear of the Turkish Bagdad army and their object is to cut the railway to the north, thereby preventing the Turkish army from receiving supplies, and co-operate with the British against Bagdad.

In their advance against the Turks along the Black sea the Russians have captured additional Turkish officers and men, and two machine guns. A British column has attacked an advanced position of the Turks in Mesopotamia, bayoneted a considerable number of the Turks and captured others.

Paris, March 16.—There has been no further infantry action in the region north of Verdun, according to the French official statement this afternoon. Artillery bombardment continued with varying intensity.

Berlin, via London, March 16.—A number of unsuccessful attacks have been made by the French on the German lines south of St. Souplet, west of Sommepeyrou in the Champagne region, the German headquarters announced to-day. The Germans took two officers and 100 men prisoners and captured two machine guns.

FRENCH OFFICER ARRESTED.

So Germans Say, Because His Troops Did Not Resist Well Enough.

Berlin, March 16, via wireless to Sayville.—An official communication made public here yesterday contains a French army order issued by General De Bazelaire, commander of the sector on the left bank of the Meuse river, concerning the engagement of March 7. The order, which was found in the Wood of the Crows (Bois Des Corbeaux) northwest of Verdun, follows:

"To the commander of subordinate sector east and west, order.

"Your forces did not offer the resistance which was to be expected. Until further information I infer that the commander of that sector failed in his duty. Therefore he will be court martialled.

"It is necessary to offer resistance to the utmost limits. We must be inspired at this moment only with one resolution—either to victoriously hold up the enemy or to die. Artillery and machine guns will fire on every troop which retreats.

(Signed) "De Bazelaire, (2nd Brigade) March 7, 1916."

RE-OCCUPY SOLLUM.

British Back in An Old Position on Egyptian Frontier.

London, March 16.—The secretary of

war last night issued the following announcement.

"The force under Major-General Peyton yesterday reoccupied Sollum, the Egyptian frontier port on the Mediterranean near the Tripoli frontier which was evacuated by the British last December. The enemy on the 13th blew up their ammunition stores and on the 14th only offered slight resistance.

"The retreating enemy was successfully pursued by armed motor cars and cavalry and camel corps, with the result that 28 prisoners, including three officers, and three guns and nine machine guns were captured. About fifty of the enemy, including three officers, were killed. Their camp is now in our hands.

"A quantity of gun ammunition and over a quarter million rounds of rifle ammunition and nearly one hundred rifles were destroyed.

VON TIRPITZ GOES OUT.

Succeeded as German Minister of the Navy By Von Capelle.

London, March 16.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Copenhagen says the Wolff bureau, the German semi-official news agency, announces that Admiral von Tirpitz, German minister of the navy, has retired, and that Admiral von Capelle, director of the administration department of the admiralty, has been appointed his successor.

BRITISH ARE ADVANCING.

Have Occupied Town in German Colony in East Africa.

London, March 16.—Further progress for the British expeditionary force in the campaign against German East Africa was officially announced last night.

The statement said that General Jan Christian Smuts, in command of the force, had reported the occupation of Mushi, and that the British were pushing on to occupy Arusha, believed to have been evacuated.

Arthur H. Steel-Maitland, colonial under secretary, at a meeting of the Overseas Forces club last evening characterized General Smuts' advance as another striking success. He said the Germans, demoralized, were retreating southward.

CANADIAN LOAN
TO BE FLOATED
BY U. S. BANKERS

Statement Made That Group of Bankers Headed By J. P. Morgan & Co. Is Arranging to Furnish \$75,000,000.

New York, March 16.—A group of American bankers, headed by J. P. Morgan & company, is negotiating with the Canadian government for floating a new loan, according to a statement issued by Mr. Morgan to-day. The amount is not finally determined, but it is estimated that it is in the neighborhood of \$75,000,000.

AN OFFICIAL PREDICTION

That Panama Canal Will Be Re-opened April 15.

Washington, D. C., March 16.—An official prediction that the Panama canal will be re-opened by April 15 for the passage of deep draft vessels was announced last night by the war department.

Conditions in Gaillard cut, scene of the principal earth movement, which blocked the waterway last fall are regarded as justifying the forecast. Col. Harding, acting governor of the canal zone, telegraphed the war department yesterday as follows:

"Conditions in Gaillard cut justify predictions that canal will be available for ships of thirty feet draft on April 15, subject to probable temporary delays thereafter to meet exigencies dredging fleet in completing canal to full width and depth and in removing shoals that may possibly develop."

Reopening of the great waterway is regarded as an engineering feat second only to the construction of the canal. Millions of tons of rock and earth have been torn out of the collapsed excavations. New dredges of a size and capacity never before employed have labored night and day for months. Steam shovels have driven their way into the obstructions wherever there was ground sufficiently firm to hold them.

In the meantime the construction work at the terminals and about the locks has proceeded without pause. When the canal is reopened it will have advanced in equipment far beyond the point it had reached when the slides began. Facilities for quick handling of ships will be much better than they were at that time, and the great project closer to final completion in all details.

BLINDED BY SNOW.

Railroad Crossing Tender Was Killed By a Train.

Newburyport, Mass., March 16.—Daniel Ryan, aged 73, a tender at the Highfield crossing of the Boston & Maine railroad for more than 25 years, was instantly killed by the Boston express shortly after 6 o'clock last night. He was returning to his home along the track and had stepped out for a snow-plow, when the train, which he failed to observe because of the blinding snowstorm, came along. He was hurled 20 feet to the side of the tracks and died within a few minutes. His body was brought here on the train.

Ryan has been employed on the road for 40 years, and was one of the best known crossing tenders on the division. He resided at 6 Cherry street, and is survived by a widow and nine children.

BLOWN OUT OF CAB.

Three Men Were Injured; One in Critical Condition.

Pittsfield, Mass., March 16.—Julius Ross, brakeman, John Wheeler, fireman, and Ralph C. Edwards, engineer, on a Boston & Albany freight train were injured when they were blown out of the engine cab by an explosion of the crown sheet at State Line. Ross was badly scalded and is in a critical condition. All of the men reside in Albany, N. Y.

BIG STEAMER
GOING DOWN

But All Passengers on Dutch Vessel Tubantia Were Taken Off

TORPEDO BOATS NOW
SEARCHING FOR THEM

One Report Says Ship Hit a Mine, Other That She Was Torpedoed

London, March 16.—A Reuter dispatch from the Hook of Holland says a wireless message received there states that a large Dutch passenger steamer, the Tubantia, which was outward bound from Amsterdam for River Plate, has been torpedoed and is in a sinking condition near the Noorder lighthouse. All the passengers have been taken off in small boats.

London agents have received a message saying the vessel struck a mine. Another dispatch says the vessel was torpedoed.

A life-saving boat has left the Hook of Holland in search of the vessel and Dutch torpedo boats have put out from Flushing to endeavor to rescue the passengers.

The Tubantia had a crew of about 300 and 75 passengers.

NOT SUNK BY GERMAN.

Silius Responsibility Denied After Official Investigation.

Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, N. Y., March 16.—An official investigation by the German navy has established the fact that no German submarine was concerned in the sinking of the Norwegian bark Silius, says the Overseas news agency.

The Norwegian bark Silius was sunk last Thursday night in Havre Roads, where she had arrived on a voyage from New York with a cargo of wheat. Of seven Americans, members of the crew, all escaped uninjured except John Hartmann, whose legs were injured by flying debris. Captain Syvertsen of the Silius and two of the sailors were reported to have been drowned.

NO WARNING GIVEN
TO FABRE LINER;
BOAT ESCAPED

Torpedo Fired by a Submarine Passed 20 Feet Astern and the Patria Steamed Away to Safety—Twenty Americans Were Aboard.

New York, March 16.—While carrying 20 Americans among her 900 passengers, the Fabre liner Patria, a French steamer, was attacked without warning by a submarine off the coast of Tunis, according to a story told by the captain upon the vessel's arrival to-day. The torpedo fired by the submarine, he said, passed 20 feet astern of the liner.

I. W. W. MAN ARRESTED.

Following a Disturbance at Nashua, N. H., Last Night.

Nashua, N. H., March 16.—After a street disturbance last night in front of the strikers of the Jackson and Nashua cotton mills, the police arrested Joseph Smith of Scranton, Pa., an organizer of the Industrial Workers of the World, who has been here for the last three weeks in connection with the strike. The nature of the charge against Smith was not announced.

TWO NEW CORPORATIONS.

Springfield Brass Co., Inc., and Gardyne Store Co., Inc., File Articles.

The Springfield Brass company, Inc., with capital stock of \$80,000 has filed articles of association with the secretary of state, the purpose of the organization being to manufacture all kinds of metal implements and machinery at Springfield. The subscribers are Paul E. Luther, Hugh McPhee and Fred B. Gill, all of Springfield.

Articles were also filed to-day by the Gardyne Store company, Inc., incorporated to do a general store and real estate business at Montgomery Center. The capital stock is \$20,000. The incorporators, all of Montgomery, are Charles A. Gardyne, Charles T. Hall, Ralph M. Buck and V. M. Smith.

Change in T. J. Deavitt's Funeral.

The funeral of the late T. J. Deavitt of Montpelier will be held at the house on Elm street in that city instead of at the Congregational church as first planned. The time of the funeral is 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. George T. Deavitt, a son, arrived in Montpelier last night from New York City and William and Henry are expected from El Paso, Texas, and Chicago, respectively, to-morrow morning.

Meeting of Listers Postponed a Day.

The meeting of Washington county listers, which was scheduled to be held at Montpelier city hall to-morrow, has been postponed to Saturday afternoon, March 18.

ROYAL SECRETARY ENTERTAINED.

Clan Gordon Gave Rousing Reception to R. P. Gibb of Boston.

After the regular meeting of Clan Gordon, No. 12, O. S. C., last evening the doors of their hall were thrown open to a large gathering of young men eligible to become members. The one purpose of the affair was to boost the membership of this clan and restore it to its former honorable place at the head of all the clans in this country. The constitution has recently been amended so that young men of sixteen and over may now become members. Perhaps the most interesting and important feature of last evening's gathering was the visit of Royal Secretary Thomas R. P. Gibb of Boston, who came here on an official visit and to hold out the advantages of the clan as a fraternal and benefit organization in preference to any other. The large hall was completely filled with members and prospective members.

Mr. Gibb was given a warm reception and opened his remarks by saying that he felt it a personal honor to see so many out on such a stormy night and that he was completely at home among the men gathered who no longer seemed strangers to him. He spoke of the exceptional benefits to be derived from Clan Gordon, more so than most other clans. For some time he entertained his hearers with reminiscences of the great convention at San Francisco last summer. He urged all the young men present to enroll at once with the men of their own blood and march along with the largest and best Scottish organization in this country.

Others called upon for impromptu talks were, Mayor Gordon, a long time member of the clan here, City Clerk James Mackay, one of the first members, who told of the early life of Clan Gordon; James Erick, secretary of Clan Gordon for a long term. Mr. Erick explained the benefits received by sick members. A program of more than passing mention was successfully carried through. Those called upon for solos were, John Wylie, James Booth, Harry Clark, James Gall and Barry Hendry. A short intermission in the midst of the ceremonies was the occasion for a delightful luncheon followed by cigars. Chief William Hurry was a good master of ceremonies.

At the close of the evening's entertainment the company formed in a circle and sang Auld Lang Syne. A large number remained with the royal secretary until train time and, accompanying him to the station, they gave him a rousing send-off with old time Scotch songs, principal among which was, "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

More Than 200 Pupils of East Barre Schools Paid Respects to Comrade.

Funeral services for Raymond Jasper Couillard, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Couillard of East Barre, whose death Monday followed a brief illness, were held in St. Sylvester's church at Graniteville this morning at 9 o'clock, the parish priest, Rev. Joseph Turcotte, officiating. The remains were brought to Barre for interment in the Catholic cemetery on Beekley street. The bearers were Ernest and Richard Mayo, Arthur McKane and Raymond Bedard, all of Westerville, where the family formerly resided before moving to East Barre.

Leaving the home, about three miles above East Barre, at 7:30 this morning, the procession paused at the undertaking rooms of M. J. Whitcomb in that place, the body being taken inside, where from 8 until 8:15 a very impressive ceremony took place. More than 200 pupils of the East Barre graded school, which the boy had attended, with their teachers, took the opportunity to look once more upon the face of their comrade. Sprigs of evergreen were dropped by each pupil into the casket and the school as a whole also gave a wreath of pink and white roses and carnations. Following this the cortege resumed its journey to St. Sylvester's church, where the funeral service was held.

LEAVES MANY DESCENDANTS.

Eight Children, 40 Grandchildren and 10 Great-Grandchildren.

Mrs. George W. Farnham, an estimable woman of wide acquaintance, died last night at the home of her son, Herbert Farnham, in Orange Center, as the result of a general breaking down of her system. The funeral will be held at the house Saturday forenoon at 10 o'clock, Rev. Amos Lord officiating, and interment will be at Waits River.

Mrs. Farnham was born in Topsham 73 years ago next April and had lived the greater part of her life in that town, removing to Orange 13 years ago, and residing on what is known as the Bowles place. Her husband died eight years ago. Mrs. Farnham leaves the following children: Mrs. C. A. Moulton of Barre, Mrs. Theodore Wood of Adamant, Mrs. Henry Paine of Barre Town, Mrs. F. A. Downing of Washington, Edward Farnham of Topsham and Herbert, George and Roswell Farnham, all of Orange. There are also 40 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Farnham was a member of the Methodist church at Topsham.

HIS DEATH ANNOUNCED.

But Telegram from Rutland to Winoski Was a Fake.

Winoski, March 16.—The publication of one's obituary before one has died is something that doesn't happen to every one. Yesterday it happened to Evariste Duhme, jr. A telegram came to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Evariste Duhme, of River street, from Rutland stating that the young man had died, the message being reported as signed by his widow. A telegram of inquiry to get further information revealed that the supposed dead man was busy at his work and well. Inquiries as to how such a telegram reached the telephone office in Rutland showed that a young man, whose name could not be learned, was the sender. But another local paper had printed Mr. Duhme's obituary before the mistake was found out.

Special Meeting.

Special meeting of lumpers, boxers and derrickmen will be held in Seapoint block, room 9, Saturday, March 18, for the purpose of balloting on international committee. Ballot box open from 11 a. m. to 8 p. m. All members are requested to attend. Per order secretary, ter. Per order Rec. Sec.

Clerks' Notice.

There will be a regular meeting of the R. C. I. P. A., local 241, Friday, March 17, at 7:30 p. m. Don't forget to register to attend. Per order secretary, ter. Per order Rec. Sec.

BARRE SUIT
PUT ON TRIAL

Jury Selected in B. W. Hooker & Co. vs. City of Barre

CASE GROWING OUT
OF WATER DAMAGE

Plaintiff Puts in Claim for Loss to \$ of Go

The case of B. W. Hooker & Co., vs. City of Barre, growing out of damage done to the stock of the plaintiff company by water which overflowed a year ago into the cellar of the Hooker store on Main street, was commenced at 10 o'clock this morning in Washington county court. There were no cases ready for trial yesterday and it was at first feared that the Hooker case would not be ready until this afternoon, owing to the absence of several witnesses. John W. Gordon appears for the plaintiff, and William Wishart is assisted in the defense by S. Hollister Jackson.

The following jury was drawn to hear the case: Fred E. Cram, Roxbury, Oscar G. Eaton, Waitsfield, T. J. Farrell, Moretown, P. K. Garney, Cabot, M. M. Goodell, Roxbury, Guy H. Howe, Northfield, Lucius L. Knapp, Plainfield, John Mack, Montpelier, Bart R. Nelson, Woodbury, S. A. Nelson, Cabot, A. M. Snow, Duxbury, Carroll Wheeler, Worcester.

License Commissioners Next Week.

The assistant judges of county court stated to-day that the appointment of license commissioners for Barre and Middlesex probably would not be announced before next week.

NUTE BEAT CHAMPION.

Former Barre Man Kept the Candlepins Falling.

Manchester, N. H., March 16.—Chester Martel of Lowell, candlepin champion of New England, was defeated last night by Harold Nute, city champion, in a match on the Calumet club alleys, which was witnessed by as large a gallery as could be accommodated.

Nute's total showed 47 more pins than that of the champion. The totals were: Nute, 1,060; Martel, 1,013.

Unlike in many respects, the rollers dodged ahead of each other by close margins through 10 strings that roused great enthusiasm among the spectators. Of about the same stature and weight, and even resembling each other remarkably in features, the two artists both relied on a lightning ball, delivering it in exactly the same manner.

The scoring was not high on either side of the sheet. Neither man appeared to deliver his best performance, but they were both in physical trim and showed flashes of accuracy and skill that forced the cheers loud.

The highest single of the 20 strings was Nute's 121 in the second string, which he repeated for good measure in the last column. Martel's highest single was 117.

Martel had recently wrested the championship from Arthur Walsh of Boston in a 10-string match. He is booked to meet Paul Poehler, the Quincy, Mass., roller, whose name has been high among New England candlepin artists for several seasons.

Nute led a field of 75 rollers for the championship of Manchester in a sensational tournament last spring. As was demonstrated last night, he is at his best when his opponent is especially dangerous. The scores:

Martel—108, 105, 90, 92, 99, 103, 100, 117, 82, 107. Total—1,013.

Nute—117, 121, 102, 87, 110, 102, 100, 104, 96, 121. Total—1,060.

MARRIED IN ST. ALBANS.

Miss Alice Mariotti and Charles P. Giannoni.

A quiet wedding took place Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 in St. Albans, when Miss Alice B. Mariotti of Barre, later of St. Albans, daughter of Augustus Mariotti of this city, and Charles P. Giannoni of Montpelier were united in marriage at the home of Rev. George W. Smith of St. Luke's Episcopal church, Mr. Smith officiating. Both bride and groom are well known in Barre and Montpelier.

After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Giannoni left St. Albans at 4 p. m. for their honeymoon. On their return they will make their home in Barre, where the groom is a granite cutter.

HELD UP BY DERAILMENT.

Central Vermont Trains Also Hindered By Drifts.

The derailment of two freight cars, one a caboose, near Middlesex this morning held up the Central Vermont passenger train from the north for nearly an hour. A flagman halted the south-bound train on the Waterbury side of Middlesex station, the train proceeding at slow speed until it reached the scene of the derailment. The northbound train was also late, due to the snowdrifts between Montpelier Junction and White River Junction.

LOSS OVER \$100,000.

Troy, N. Y., Collar Factory Was Burned Last Night.

Troy, N. Y., March 16.—The plant of the American Collar company in this city burned last night. The blaze started in the boiler room and for two hours threatened a nearby bank and police station. The loss is between \$100,000 and \$125,000.

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